



# STRENGTHENING UTILITIES AND PROMOTING ENERGY REFORM (SUPER)

USAID's SUPER program supports partner country counterparts with priority projects to improve energy sector utility performance.

Sustained access to reliable grid-connected electricity is essential for countries in achieving broad economic and social development goals. However, electric utilities in many developing countries struggle with inefficiencies—using outdated systems and technologies—and are unable to recover costs, properly maintain assets, or reinvest in new infrastructure. Often, countries lack a supportive legal and regulatory environment to enable better commercial and technical outcomes in the power sector. Without effective reforms, persistent obstacles may prevent countries from reaching objectives associated with connecting new customers to the grid or economically installing new sources of generation, hindering pursuits of economic growth and poverty reduction.

#### **ACCESS**

789 million people (10 percent of the world) do not have access to electricity.

### **INVESTMENTS**

Achieving universal

access in electricity by 2030 will require annual investments of \$1 billion.

# **HOW SUPER CAN HELP**

The Strengthening Utilities and Promoting Energy Reform (SUPER) Task Order enables USAID to quickly deploy specialized technical assistance to support host country counterparts in identifying and addressing a range of power sector reform challenges. Managed through USAID's Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation (DDI), SUPER works hand-in-hand with partner country utilities and other energy sector entities to increase electricity access, decrease technical and commercial losses, enhance human capital and operational practices, and explore new models for

private sector engagement. SUPER's flexible approach to Work Assignment development engages with USAID Missions and Operating Units to quickly provide tailored assistance for short-term interventions that are priorities for host country stakeholders.

#### ILLUSTRATIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH SUPER



### **Identifying and Advancing Sector Reform**

Developing sector assessments, strategies, plans and roadmaps to diagnose key issues and challenges in the sector

Hosting workshops and forums with stakeholders on energy reform issues to better understand issues and coordinate consensus

Preparing program designs to facilitate reform and/or evaluations to measure progress



## **Designing Strong** Legal and Regulatory **Frameworks**

Designing new market structure

Developing legal and regulatory frameworks

> Designing models for private sector participation

Strengthening corporate governance



## **Building High-Performing Utilities**

Utility financial modeling and tariff analyses

Customer regularization and metering

Expanding access to electricity service

Capitalizing on new technologies and trends

Enhancing utility organization and capacity



## **Undertaking Crosscutting Activities that Support Sector Reform**

Promoting gender equality in energy sector services and operations

Promoting environmental and social inclusion leading practices with sector reform

Training and technical assistance for counterparts on new approaches, technologies, and operational models

Publishing leading practice reports, materials, and media on sector reform issues

# **ENGAGING WITH SUPER**

The SUPER Task Order runs through September 2025 and has a ceiling of \$12.8 million, with a significant portion reserved for buy-ins by USAID Missions and Operating Units for in-country Work Assignments anticipated to range from \$150,000-\$1.5 million.

Mission/Operating Unit requests support from **SUPERCOR** 

Requestor prepares Work Assignment established between concept and budget COR and SUPER estimate

**Expectations** 

SUPER drafts Work Assignment SOW and budget

finalize SOW, funds are transferred for buy-in

COR and Requestor COR and Requestor Activity Manager oversee Work Assignment implementation

#### THE TEAM

The SUPER Task Order is implemented by Deloitte Consulting LLP and its project partners: DNV GL, Electric Power Engineers (EPE), E3, and Environmental Forward Observer (EFO). When appropriate, Deloitte can operate through its local member firms to provide in-country assistance.

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